

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Also, I know the men from Kerry's Swiftboat. And all of them stood up with Kerry at the convention, AND they work hard all the time for him.

If Kerry and McCloskey had not opposed the Vietnam war, how many of your friends and family would be dead and critically wounded today? How many of your family and friends are alive today because of their actions?

Kerry served our country honorably, and continues to fight for us.

Thank you.